

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2014**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the January Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 8 people were in the audience. Others present were Dave Matzke for the Fire Department, Brad Thomas for the Water Department & Jeanette Morrish for the Library.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR CONDITIONAL PROPERTY TRANSFER PUBLIC HEARING: 7:01 p.m.

Supervisor called the Conditional Property Transfer Public Hearing to Order at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:01 p.m. to 7:21 p.m.

Lee Simms commented that the notice publish date on the website is not correct; he would also like to know what the benefits are to the Township entering into the conditional property transfer
Kurt Kiessling commented that he believes there is no good reason to enter into a conditional property transfer

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING FROM CONDITIONAL PROPERTY TRANSFER PUBLIC HEARING: 7:21 p.m.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the January 14, 2014 Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino

Nays:

December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Sheridan

Nays:

Abstain: Trevino

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Invoices through 1/06/14 totaling \$123,035.51.

Yeas: Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:47 p.m. to 7:51 p.m.

Kurt Keissling was wondering what the paper was talking about in regards to the Trolley Line Trail

Mike Szukhent would like to inform everyone about the Best of Birch Run and the due date for getting tickets

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Corey Trinklein – Insurance information; Insurance company needs contact info for quotes from different companies; Update about employees that have signed manual acknowledgement; Payroll being turned in weekly with an area on back for explaining hours; All meeting minutes are now on website.

Debbie Trevino – The law that Paul Moore states in his letter does not apply as a capturing unit

according to the county treasurer. There has been an agreement to disburse only the Summer Taxes that have been collected.

Ray Letterman – County Road Commission has not returned calls regarding schedule for roads this year. Budgets are coming up and everyone has been asked to submit budgets. Has there been any clarification regarding the term of “garage” in the ordinance.

Brady Totten – DDA meeting was rescheduled from January 8th to January 22nd at 9:00am. Meeting will be with Mr. Meyer regarding expansion of the DDA District.

Fred Sheridan – Planning Commission is looking at streamlining the process of approving site plans or special use permits. Bill Nelson was going to address the board regarding the lot coverage, but he could not attend. Planner was asked to review lot coverage already, so question has been already been addressed.

Ed Magnus – There were issues with the tax bills so they will be have to be corrected. Oscar & Joey’s looks like it may be a good place to have the annual meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Brad Thomas – City of Saginaw was over-paid due to meter head issues, so a credit has been incorporated into water bills from the city. Building is almost completed and it should be done this week.

Dave Matzke – A breakdown of runs has been submitted. Standing of how much death benefits the Fire Dept currently has. A new cutter is going to be purchased. A memorandum regarding a list of focused response for departments is included.

Jeanette Morrish – Last month the Friends of the Library held a Velveteen Rabbit reading. Story hour has started back up again. The adult reading program has also started. E-books will be coming to the library soon.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the January Budget Amendments – Appendix A.

Yeas: Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein

Nays: Moore

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve rescinding the motion to approve the Park and Recreation Master Plan 2013 – 2018 from the December 10, 2013 Meeting.

Yeas: Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Moore to approve Ordinance #2014-01 (Business Licenses).

Yeas: Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the 2014 Township Office Closing Dates.

Yeas: Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Moore to approve Administrative Resolution #01-14 (2014 Township Meeting Dates).

Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Hugo Locksmiths to install three new electronic locks not to exceed \$2,988.90.

Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Friends of the Fleschner Memorial Library to become 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Yeas: Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 9:32 p.m. to 9:37 p.m.

Lee Simms commented that the volunteer fire dept. does not get enough recognition for the work that they accomplish. Is seeing transparency lately and is glad to see it and would like to see more.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Yeas: Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: February 11, 2014 _____